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MACROMOLECULES AND COMPLEX AGGREGATES FOR IMPROVED  
PAYLOAD AND CONTROLLABLE DE/ASSOCIATION RATES

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated June 24, 2002 for the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, line 1, please delete "The present application claims the benefit of International Application No. PCT/JP99/00191, filed on January 20, 1999" and replace therewith  
-- The present application claims the benefit of International Application No. PCT/EP98/06750, filed on October 23, 1998 --

Page 9, line 1, before "DEFINITIONS", please add the following:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS